

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus for preparing a vendor- and version-independent information model that a cellular telephone base station  
5 can use to communicate its capabilities in a plug and play fashion to  
a network element is disclosed. The information model can also be  
used to communicate configuration information back to the base  
station from the network element. The capabilities and  
configuration information is automatically communicated and  
10 utilized, thus reducing the possibility of human operator error in  
configuring and pre-configuring new or modified base station  
equipment.